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Part 4: Document profile

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National foreword

This Part of BS 7299 has been prepared under the direction of the Information Systems Technology Standards Policy Committee. It is the UK implementation of, and is identical with, ISO 8613-4:1989 “*Information processing — Text and office systems — Office Document Architecture (ODA) and interchange format — Part 4: Document profile*”, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The following list includes all the Parts of this British Standard.

- *Part 1: Introduction and general principles;*
- *Part 2: Document structures;*
- *Part 4: Document profile;*
- *Part 5: Office document interchange format (ODIF);*
- *Part 6: Character content architectures;*
- *Part 7: Raster graphics content architectures;*
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